

III. Key Definitions (R.S. 18:1483)

- A. **"Candidate"** Person who seeks nomination or election to public office (except national offices and political party offices). A person is a candidate when: (1) he receives a contribution or makes an expenditure, or gives his consent for another person to do so, with a view to influencing his nomination or election to office, even if the specific office is not known, or (2) he qualifies for office.
- B. **"Contribution"** and **"Expenditure"** definitions hinge on supporting, opposing, or otherwise influencing the nomination or election of a person to a public office, or supporting or opposing a proposition or question submitted to the voters or a recall. "In-Kind" contributions or expenditures involve the use of something of value other than money when value exceeds \$25.
- C. **"Political Committee"** means two or more persons, other than a husband and wife, and any corporation organized for the primary purpose of supporting or opposing one or more candidates, political parties, propositions or recall efforts, which has financial activity in excess of \$500 within a calendar year in the name of the committee. It also includes any corporation or group that accepts payments for personal services related to an election or campaign in excess of \$500 during a calendar year unless it has been permitted or licensed to provide that type of service and has been regularly doing so in the area at least 90 days prior to the services being rendered.
- D. Types of Offices (Classifications are based on 2020 census figures.)
 - 1. **"Major Office"**
 - a. offices elected statewide
 - b. Public Service Commissioner, Supreme Court Justice, Court of Appeal Judges, BESE, and district court judges elected parishwide in Orleans
 - c. any office with an election district containing a population in excess of 250,000, including offices elected parishwide in East Baton Rouge, Jefferson, Orleans and St. Tammany
 - 2. **"District Office"**
 - a. office of a member of the Louisiana Legislature
 - b. offices elected parishwide (except in East Baton Rouge, Jefferson, Orleans and St. Tammany)
 - c. offices elected in more than one parish (unless the population exceeds 250,000)
 - d. offices elected in a district with a population in excess of 35,000, but less than 250,000, including offices elected citywide in the cities of Alexandria, Bossier City, Kenner, Lafayette, Lake Charles, Monroe and Shreveport, and offices elected in East Baton Rouge that are not parishwide.
 - e. district court judgeships (except those in Orleans Parish); family court; juvenile; and, city court judgeships; city court marshals and city court constables.
 - f. other than major offices, offices elected in a city or parish election in a parish with a municipality with a population of 300,000 or more (Orleans Parish).
 - g. offices to a board or governing authority which has within its jurisdiction a municipality with a population of 225,000 or more (East Baton Rouge Parish).
 - 3. **"Any Other Office"** means offices not considered major or district, i.e., offices elected in a district having a population of 35,000 or less and not elected parishwide.